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SUBJ: DEATH OF AMBASSADOR DUBS: DEPARTURE OF BODY FROM KABUL

1. FOLLOWING A DIGNIFIED AND TOUCHING CEREMONY AT THE AIRPORT, THE BODY OF AMBASSADOR DUBS, TOGETHER WITH MRS. DUBS AND HER ACCOMPANYING PARTY LEFT AT 0820 HOURS KABUL TIME, FEBRUARY 17, 1979. AT THE AIRPORT REPRESENTING THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT WAS ONE MINISTER, BAREQ SHAFIYEE (CULTURE AND INFORMATION), THE TWO DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTERS, DOST AND MOKAMEL, AND OTHER LESSER RANKING FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS. MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS, WERE THERE AS WELL. ESPECIALLY PROMINENT IN EXPRESSING PLANESIDE CONDOLENCES WAS DIPLOMATIC DEAN SOVIET AMBASSADOR PUZANOV.

2. REQUEST. PLEASE CABLE US IMMEDIATELY WHEN INTERNMENT IN ARLINGTON CEMETERY TAKES PLACE ON TUESDAY IN WASHINGTON TIME AND GMT. WE WILL BE OBSERVING MOURNING HERE UNTIL THAT TIME.

3. ON BEHALF OF THIS SORROWFUL EMBASSY AND THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN AFGHANISTAN, I WISH TO THANK ALL OF YOU WHO GAVE THE NECESSARY AUTHORIZATIONS AND WHO MADE SUCH RAPID ARRANGEMENTS FOR SENDING THE PLANE WITH MRS. DUBS AND HER PARTY TO KABUL.

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